On Wed, 17 Nov 1999, Phil Legard wrote:

>>Are some spirits just less likely to appear for certain people? And where do they go when you have to forcefully banish them?<<

>By 'forcefully banish them', do you mean cursing them to a spell in Hell, of do you mean making them leave by use of Divine Words and a Hexagram?

I suppose I meant cursing them to hellish torment, not just the usual License to the Depart and/or other methods of compelling them to leave. But you've already (sort of) answered this below: They go to Hell. Whatever that means. At least, from the magician's perspective.

>These are difficult questions, but here goes...

Thank you for your response, Phil. I realize that these are difficult questions, which is why I chose to ask them.

As for my opinions (which it is only fair to offer in kind), I'm not a big believer in a physical or extradimensional place called "Hell" or "Sheol" or "Gehenna" or "Mr. Satan's Happy Playworld" or any variance thereof. ;) Does this mean you can't "go" there in a sense? Of course not. Hell as an archetype is every bit as real as the demons one can choose to summon from it.

If Hell's a real place, then I've probably earned myself a spot there. I am a magician. A sorcerer. An Abomination. "Let there not be found among you one who ..." er ... Well, does a lot of the stuff I do every day. Perhaps it's my own bit o' Luciferian pride at work here, but I don't lose much if any sleep over it. I think perhaps only we can send ourselves to Hell, and I'm not talkin' about the "repent or suffer the Second Death" sorta argument here. But we're venturing dangerously close to Flame War territory, so I'd better stop. ;)

As far as the soul-selling issue, from a purely earthly standpoint, giving a fragmented part of your own personality free reign to to do as it pleases can only serve to enslave you to it. And in the process, you lose a portion of who you are. This is devolution, not evolution and it can only serve to impede one's progress in the Great Work.

And if there is some sort of true debt to pay, perhaps it may not be permanent but may seem a sort of eternity. Perhaps the time lost in perfecting the self is its own sort of punishment. I don't know.

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>Since the Curse would seem to suggest that the Goetic spirits can be >influenced by the treatment of their sigils (in conjunction with >certain words &c.) one of the most obvious 'rewards' would be >keeping the spirit's sigil safe, or even having it engraved on some >metal and even embelished with stones. Perhaps you could even try >help the devil reclaim it's place in it's angelic choir.

This would seem to be a Good Thing to do no matter what the truth of Goetic evocation might be. With the subjective argument, you are restoring a portion of yourself to perfection. With the objective argument, you are helping a fellow being evolve.

So, how would you help an entity in this manner?

Brian Ever full of questions, much to the detriment of the rest of the list, I'm sure. ;)

>Phil
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Hi Brian! Brother MOLOCH 969 here. The parts below the crosses I wanted to respond to.

I know you asked how would you help an entity? Interesting you should ask that cuz I've been having this discussion with two colleagues of mine regardin this in reference to paying the Spirit for its help.

One theory is to help elevate the 'demon'(sic) by offering it a white candle anointed with a blessing type of oil. The symbolism here is to give it something 'good' to eat and thus try to help it balance itself in the end.

Nick's theory on this is that in the Catholic church, the worshippers are urged to pray for the dead (II Macabees I believe). Nick also is a well respected Hoodoo Conjure worker that has investigated some of the Southern traditions workings with various Hoodoo Spirits (supposedly those practitioners who once lived and now are deceased), as well as the Gheude (dead) spirits and some of the LWA spirits. In his tradition, candle offerings or Novenas said for a spirit are quite accepted as payments for work performed.

Another compadre of mine is David and he's a Vajrana practitioner. He tells me that in the Buddhist doctrine, you can work with a Demon to help you with whatever and then eventually (hope I'm getting this right) say prayers to the Buddhas for the Demon's elevation.

This latter is quite interesting. Most folks think that would irritate a demon but if we look at these spirits from a Judeo Xian perspection they were once 'angels' who merely fell from the grace of Jehovah because they sided with Lucifer/Iblis.

IMO if we'd offer sincere prayers to Jehovah on behalf say Focalor for helping us, wouldn't that be a sincere form of payment as well as helping the Spirit to survive and thrive and perhaps make it back to where it once was?

Also in the Goetia there is a reference concerning Marchosias that he hopes to make it back to the Dominionations as he told Solomon after 1200 years.

Just mind food.

Comments?

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